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[Report No. 498]

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13 (legislative day, JUNE 2), 1949

Mr. McCLELLAN (for himself, Mr. TYDINGS, Mr. WHERRY, Mr. REED, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. BRICKER, Mr. BRIDGES, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAPEHART, Mr. DOUGLAS, Mr. EASTLAND, Mr. ECTON, Mr. ELLENDER, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. FULBRIGHT, Mr. GILLETTE, Mr. HOEY, Mr. IVES, Mr. JENNER, Mr. KEM, Mr. MCCARTHY, Mr. MILLIKIN, Mr. MUNDT, Mr. O'CONOR, Mr. ROBERTSON, Mr. RUSSELL, Mr. SCHOEPEL, Mrs. SMITH of Maine, Mr. WILEY, and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments

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Reported by Mr. McCLELLAN, without amendment

JOINT RESOLUTION

To reduce expenditures in government for the fiscal year 1950
consistent with the public interest.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That (a) with a view to bringing the estimated Federal
- 4 expenditures within estimated Federal receipts for the fiscal
- 5 year ending June 30, 1950, the President is authorized and
- 6 directed to make such reductions in the amounts to be
- 7 expended by all agencies from any and all appropriations
- 8 and funds made available prior to the expiration of the first
- 9 regular session of the Eighty-first Congress, for expendi-

1 ture in such fiscal year, as will in the aggregate equal not
2 less than 5 per centum nor more than 10 per centum of
3 the total amounts estimated for expenditure in the budget
4 for the fiscal year 1950 by all agencies, as adjusted to
5 conform with the total amounts estimated for expenditure
6 under appropriations and funds actually made available prior
7 to the expiration of such session.

8 (b) As used in this joint resolution—

9 (1) the term “appropriations and funds made avail-
10 able” shall include the amount of any borrowing author-
11 ity estimated for in the Budget for the fiscal year 1950;
12 and

13 (2) the term “agency” means any Executive de-
14 partment, independent establishment, or corporation
15 which is an instrumentality of the United States.

16 SEC. 2. In order to accomplish the reductions in ex-
17 penditures required by section 1, the President is authorized
18 to direct any officer in the executive branch of the Govern-
19 ment to refrain from creating, notwithstanding any other
20 provision of law, any obligation or commitment which would
21 require an expenditure during the fiscal year 1950, under
22 any appropriation, fund, contract authorization, or borrowing
23 authority over which such officer exercises administrative
24 control, in such amounts as he may deem necessary. No such
25 officer shall create any obligation or commitment under

1 any borrowing authority which would require an expenditure
2 during the fiscal year 1950 in excess of any estimate included
3 in the budget (or in excess of any estimate under any
4 authority included in any Act of Congress enacted after the
5 submission of the budget for the fiscal year 1950) with
6 respect to such obligation or commitment for such fiscal
7 year or in excess of any amount established by direction
8 of the President under the authority contained in this sec-
9 tion; except that the President is authorized to waive the
10 prohibition contained in this sentence in individual cases
11 upon the happening of some extraordinary emergency or
12 unusual circumstance.

13 SEC. 3. Such reductions shall be made in a manner
14 calculated to bring about the greatest economy in expendi-
15 ture consistent with the efficient operation of the Government.

16 SEC. 4. No reduction of expenditures required herein
17 shall have the effect of reducing by more than 20 per centum
18 the estimated expenditures by any agency from appropria-
19 tions and funds made available prior to the expiration of
20 the first regular session of the Eighty-first Congress.

21 SEC. 5. The President shall cause (a) the total amounts
22 estimated for expenditure in the fiscal year 1950 (adjusted
23 as provided in section 1), (b) the amount of the reduction
24 directed by him in obligations or commitments (as provided
25 in section 2), and (c) the amount of the reduction in each

1 appropriation or fund account, to be certified to the Secre-
2 tary of the Treasury, and shall make a detailed quarterly
3 report thereon to the Congress within fifteen days after the
4 expiration of each calendar quarter during such fiscal year.
5 The amounts so certified shall not be expended, or, in the
6 case of contract authorizations and borrowing authority, the
7 authority shall not be exercised to the extent of the reduc-
8 tion. The President shall also include in the quarterly re-
9 port to Congress the actual figures showing the number of
10 Federal employees at the beginning of the quarter and the
11 estimated number of Federal employees at the close of the
12 quarter.

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